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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

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LOOK, LANA! THIS SLIDE WE FOUND IN SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS SHOWS HIM PROPOSING TO LANA LANE, HIS LOST SWEETHEART! SHE LOOKS LIKE YOU AND ME ROLLED UP INTO ONE!
NO WONDER HE LIKES BOTH OF US THE SAME! WE REMIND HIM OF HER!
Lana Lane, my lost sweetheart. May 15, 1959
Featuring: "SUPERMAN'S ROMANCE WITH LANA LANE!"

COUNTDOWN ON EXCELLENCE

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CLEAN UP THE GARAGE, JERRY, BUT YOU DIDN'T DO A VERY GOOD JOB.
AW, DAD, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? IT'S NOT VERY IMPORTANT.

HMM...WITH THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE, YOU'LL GET INTO SLOPPY WORK HABITS. IF EVERYONE FELT THAT WAY ABOUT HIS JOB, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN?

"OR A GARAGE MECHANIC..."
I JUST HAD MY TIRE CHANGED! THE MECHANIC DIDN'T TIGHTEN THE WHEEL PROPERLY--I COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!
SCREECH!
CLUNK!

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TEARS WILL GET YOU NOWHERE, MY DEAR LOIS! OUR BARGAIN IS SEALED! FIVE MINUTES AFTER YOU MARRY **SUPERMAN**, YOU'LL JOIN THE OTHER LOST SOULS IN THIS LITTLE BOX!

PICTURE IT FOR YOURSELF! THE MOST GLORIOUS DAY IN THE LIFE OF LOIS LANE IS HERE AT LAST...THE DAY SHE IS TO MARRY THE MAN SHE HAS ADORED FOR SO LONG...THE MIGHTY **SUPERMAN!** YET THERE LOIS SITS, BROKEN-HEARTED AND WEEPING! BUT **WHY?** AS MRS. **SUPERMAN**, SHE'D BE ENVIED BY EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD! BUT WOULD THEY ENVY HER IF THEY KNEW THE MARRIAGE WAS THE RESULT OF A CONTRACT SIGNED BY...

The DEVIL and LOIS LANE!

The Great Ambition Of my Life Is Someday to be Superman's Wife. If The Devil Helps Me out in this Goal, I, the Undersigned Pledge my Soul

SOB!... OH, **SUPERMAN**, YOU'VE RESCUED ME FROM A THOUSAND DANGERS! BUT NOT EVEN YOUR MIGHTY POWERS CAN SAVE ME NOW! CHOKE!

ONE NIGHT, AS REPORTERS JIMMY OLSEN AND LOIS LANE VISIT THE OPERA...

AFTER WORKING A WEEK ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE "**SCARFACE**" **MALONE** GANG, I'M BUSHED! AN EVENING AT THE OPERA OUGHT TO HELP ME RELAX, LOIS!

MY COLLEGE BOY-FRIEND, LANCE JASON, SENT ME THE TICKETS, JIMMY! HE'S SINGING IN THE STAR ROLE TONIGHT!

NIGHT — LANCE JASON as MEPHISTOPHELES IN GOUNOD'S FAUST

AS THE OPERA BEGINS...

THERE'S LANCE NOW, SINGING THE ROLE OF THE DEVIL, **MEPHISTOPHELES**, AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF FLAMES!

ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM, FAUST IS SELLING HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL IN RETURN FOR HIS LOST YOUTH!

FAUST

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AS THE OPERA CONTINUES...
NOW MEPHISTOPHELES IS USING BLACK MAGIC TO SUMMON HELEN OF TROY FROM THE PAST, SO THAT FAUST COULD PROPOSE TO HER!
HELEN OF TROY! WOW!
NO WONDER FAUST SIGNED HIS SOUL AWAY!

LATER, AS LOIS VISITS HER OLD BOY-FRIEND BACKSTAGE...
LOIS, YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER! WHEN WE WERE IN COLLEGE, I THOUGHT YOU'D MARRY ME, BUT I ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU HAD A SECRET ROMANCE!
I MUST ADMIT THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN SOMEONE ELSE, LANCE!

IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
FIRE! FIRE!
THE FUEL TANK WE USE IN MY ACT JUST ACCIDENTALLY EXPLODED!
GULP!! I'D BETTER CALL SUPERMAN ON MY SUPER-SONIC WATCH!
ZZZ-ZZZ-ZEE!

WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, SUPERMAN RESPONDS TO THE CALL...
I'LL PUT OUT THE FLAMES WITH A PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH!
PUFF!

AS SUPERMAN LEAVES...
THERE HE IS... THE MAN I LOVE! AFTER SEEING YOUR OPERA, I'D SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL, LIKE FAUST, FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
I SEE! WHO KNOWS, MY DEAR... THE DEVIL MIGHT CONSIDER THAT A GOOD BARGAIN!

LATER, AS JIMMY ESCORTS LOIS HOME...
WELL, I'D BETTER GET BACK! GOOD NIGHT, LOIS! I HOPE THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAUNT YOUR DREAMS! HA, HA!
NOT A CHANCE! THE ONLY MAN I EVER DREAM ABOUT IS SUPERMAN!
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BUT AS LOIS ENTERS HER APARTMENT...
ULP! THAT WEIRD CHARACTER SUDDENLY MATERIALIZED FROM THAT PUFF OF SMOKE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHO ARE YOU?
SATAN... LUCIFER... MEPHISTOPHELES ...I HAVE MANY NAMES, MY DEAR! TAKE YOUR CHOICE!
EARLIER THIS EVENING, YOU MENTIONED A BUSINESS PROPOSITION THAT INTERESTED ME! YOU OFFERED TO TRADE YOUR SOUL TO BECOME SUPERMAN'S WIFE!
COME NOW, ENOUGH OF THAT SUPERSTITIOUS DRIVEL! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE DEVIL!
THIS CHARACTER REMINDS ME OF MY FRIEND, LANCE JASON, IN HIS COSTUME... I WONDER!
AN INSTANT AFTERWARDS...
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL? I'LL USE MY BLACK MAGIC TO IGNITE THOSE LOGS!
GASP!... ALL RIGHT, I'M CONVINCED!
NOW I'M SURE HE'S LANCE! AS AN ACTOR, HE PROBABLY MASTERED TRICKS OF MAGIC! HE MUST HAVE DONE THAT STUNT WITH PHOSPHOROUS POWDER!
HE'S A PHONEY, BUT I'LL GO ALONG WITH THE GAG!
PLEASE READ THE CONTRACT!
ALL RIGHT, IT'S A DEAL! MY SOUL FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
The Great Ambition Of my Life Is Someday to be Superman's Wife. If the Devil helps Me reach this Goal, I, the Undersigned, Pledge my Soul.
Signed
Witness: Satan, Prince of Darkness
WHAT AMATEURISH POETRY!
ER... DON'T I HAVE TO SIGN THIS IN BLOOD? HA, HA!
PEN AND INK WILL DO NICELY, MY DEAR! WE HAVEN'T USED THAT BLOOD ROUTINE SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY, YOU KNOW!
AS LOIS SIGNS THE CONTRACT...
ALL RIGHT, CUT THE COMEDY, FRIEND! I SEE THROUGH YOUR LITTLE ACT! YOU'RE LANCE JASON!
SO YOU STILL... ER... DOUBT MY IDENTITY? PERMIT ME TO OFFER THIS LITTLE BOX AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE!

THOSE TINY FIGURES! IT'S "SCARFACE" MALONE AND HIS GANG! THEY DISAPPEARED A WEEK AGO AFTER A BIG BANK ROBBERY!

AH, YES! THE WRETCHES TRADED THEIR SOULS FOR A MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH I HELPED THEM STEAL FROM A BANK! BUT I COLLECTED MY FEE AS THEY COUNTED THEIR LOOT!

THEN YOU REALLY ARE THE DEVIL! I... I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE! THE DEAL IS OFF! GIVE ME BACK THAT CONTRACT!

TUT, TUT, MY DEAR! YOU CAN'T BACK OUT NOW! A BARGAIN IS A BARGAIN!

AS LOIS' VISITOR VANISHES IN A PUFF OF SMOKE...

GOODBYE FOR NOW, MISS LANE! I HOPE YOU WILL NOT REGRET OUR TRANSACTION!

¡CHOKE!¡... WHAT HAVE I DONE? THIS CAN'T BE TRUE! IT MUST BE SOME TERRIBLE ILLUSION! A NIGHTMARE!

TWO DAYS LATER, AS LOIS FLIES TO COVER A STORY ABOUT AN ERUPTING VOLCANO...

IT'S BEEN DAYS SINCE THAT SATAN CHARACTER GOT ME TO SIGN THAT CONTRACT! NOTHING'S HAPPENED! IT WAS PROBABLY A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION! HMM... THIS 'COPTER I RENTED AT THE JET AIRPORT WHERE I LANDED IS SURE SMOOTH!

BUT LATER, AS LOIS DARINGLY PHOTOGRAPHS THE FLAMING DEPTHS OF THE VOLCANO...

MISS LANE! HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN OUR AGREEMENT! SUPERMAN WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT TO PROPOSE!

URGG! IT'S HIM AGAIN, STANDING THERE IN THE BOILING LAVA! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

TERRIFIED, LOIS FLEES, BUT SUDDENLY...

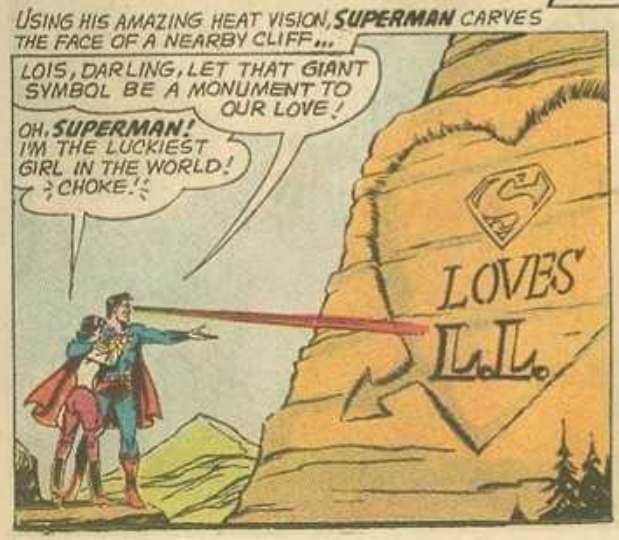
THE LEDGE! IT'S COLLAPSING UNDER ME! HELP!

BUT LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHT, SUPERMAN APPEARS FROM NOWHERE...
SUPERMAN! THANK HEAVENS! YOU CAUGHT ME JUST IN TIME!
LOIS! CHOKE!... YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!

LOOK, LOIS, THERE'S A PITCHFORK LYING THERE JUST WHERE THE LEDGE BROKE OFF!
ULP! THE DEVIL USED THAT PITCHFORK TO SHATTER THE LEDGE! HE KNEW SUPERMAN WOULD COME TO SAVE ME!

AND THE DEVIL'S CUNNING PLAN SEEMS TO BEAR FRUIT...
LOIS, THAT NARROW ESCAPE MADE ME REALIZE HOW DEEPLY I CARE FOR YOU! MARRY ME AND I'LL GUARD YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
SUPERMAN, WE MUSTN'T BE HASTY ABOUT THIS!
SUPERMAN'S PROPOSING JUST AS SATAN SAID HE WOULD! I CAN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM LIKE THAT!

THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU, I HIRED A... SORCERER TO PUT A SPELL ON YOU SO YOU WOULD PROPOSE! I'M NOT WORTHY OF YOU OR YOUR LOVE!
LOIS, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD DO SUCH A THING! NOW WATCH WHILE I SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!


USING HIS AMAZING HEAT VISION, SUPERMAN CARVES THE FACE OF A NEARBY CLIFF...
LOIS, DARLING, LET THAT GIANT SYMBOL BE A MONUMENT TO OUR LOVE!
OH, SUPERMAN! I'M THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! CHOKE!
LOVES
L.L.

BUT PRESENTLY...
OH-OH! MY TELESCOPIC VISION HAS SPOTTED AN EMERGENCY! I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE, BUT I'LL BE BACK!
I'LL BE WAITING, SUPERMAN!
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AS SUPERMAN LEAVES, A MACABRE FIGURE LEAPS OUT OF A FIERY FISSURE..
YOU AGAIN! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE CREDIT FOR SUPERMAN'S PROPOSAL! IT COULD HAVE BEEN A COINCIDENCE, YOU KNOW!
COINCIDENCE? NOT AT ALL! IT WAS INSTANT ROMANCE... A SPECIAL SERVICE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE! IF YOU WANT FURTHER PROOF, WAIT UNTIL SUPERMAN RETURNS!
PRESENTLY, AS THE MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL FLIES BACK FROM HIS MISSION...
LOIS, HOW DID THAT RIDICULOUS VALENTINE GET CARVED IN THAT MOUNTAINSIDE?
BUT, SUPERMAN! YOU DID IT WITH YOUR HEAT VISION... AFTER YOU ASKED ME TO MARRY YOU!
I MUST HAVE BEEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOME FORM OF RED KRYPTONITE WHEN I MADE THAT SILLY PROPOSAL! I'D BETTER DESTROY THAT CARVING IMMEDIATELY!
¡SNIFF!¡ I GUESS THIS PROVES SATAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPER-MAN'S PROPOSAL!
SOON, AS SUPERMAN TAKES OFF AGAIN, THE DEVIL REAPPEARS...
ALL RIGHT, SO YOU BRAINWASHED SUPERMAN INTO WITHDRAWING HIS PROPOSAL! BUT SINCE HE REFUSED TO MARRY ME, OUR CONTRACT IS BROKEN!
TUT, TUT! YOUR SIGNATURE IS BINDING, MY DEAR, AND I INTEND TO COLLECT!
ONCE AGAIN THE DEMON VANISHES..
SUPERMAN WILL PROPOSE AGAIN, NEVER FEAR! I ADVISE YOU TO ACCEPT! YOU MAY AS WELL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR BARGAIN!
¡GULP!¡ OH, WHY DID I EVER SIGN THAT PACT? OH, WELL, MAYBE I'LL BE LUCKY THIS TIME! SUPERMAN MAY NEVER PROPOSE AGAIN!
BUT LOIS' HOPES ARE IN VAIN, FOR AS SHE JETS BACK TO METROPOLIS...
LOOK! SUPERMAN IS BREAKING UP THE STORM BY MEANS OF HIS SUPER-BREATH! WE'LL BE ABLE TO LAND SAFELY!
I WONDER IF HE KNOWS I'M ABOARD!

LOIS' ANSWER COMES SHORT MOMENTS LATER...

NOW HE'S PUFFING THOSE CLOUDS INTO A HEARTS AND FLOWERS PATTERN! BUT WHY?

I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER! SOMETHING GOT **SUPERMAN** TO CHANGE HIS MIND! HE'S GOING TO PROPOSE AGAIN, I KNOW IT!

AT THE AIRPORT, LOIS' PREDICTION COMES TRUE...

LOIS, I MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE WHEN I WITHDREW MY PROPOSAL! YOU MUST MARRY ME! NAME THE DAY!

SUPERMAN, DEAREST! I ACCEPT, OF COURSE!

POOR DARLING! HE CAN'T HELP CHANGING HIS MIND! HE'S AT THE MERCY OF SATAN'S DIABOLICAL POWERS!

I MAY AS WELL GO THROUGH WITH THE MARRIAGE! SINCE I'M DOOMED TO WIND UP IN SATAN'S LITTLE BOX, I MAY AS WELL ENJOY A COUPLE OF YEARS AS **SUPERMAN'S** WIFE!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, LANA LANG HELPS LOIS SHOP FOR A TROUSSEAU...

I'D ALWAYS HOPED THAT **SUPERMAN** WOULD MARRY **ME**! YOU MUST HAVE USED BLACK MAGIC TO WIN HIM, LOIS!

GULP!! SHE'LL NEVER DREAM HOW CLOSE SHE IS TO THE TRUTH!

TIME AND AGAIN, LOIS IS REMINDED OF HER FEARFUL BARGAIN...

LOIS, I THINK THAT MUSIC BOX WILL LOOK LOVELY ON YOUR DRESSER!

GROAN!! IT REMINDS ME OF THE LITTLE BOX SATAN HAS READY FOR ME!

AS HER WEDDING DAY ARRIVES, LOIS IS CONGRATULATED BY HER OLD BEAU, LANCE JASON...

THAT DEVIL'S ROLE BROUGHT ME LUCK, LOIS... A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT TOUR, A MOVIE CONTRACT AND A SWEETHEART! I HOPE YOU'LL BE AS HAPPY AS WE ARE!

THANK YOU, LANCE!

HOW IRONIC! THE DEVIL BROUGHT ME NOTHING BUT HEARTBREAK AND MISFORTUNE!

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE DOOR...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHERE'S SUPERMAN? OLSEN, YOU'RE HIS BEST MAN! WHY ISN'T HE HERE?
I'M SORRY, MR. WHITE, BUT HE MUST BE ON A MISSION! I'M SURE HE'LL BE HERE IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, NOT FAR AWAY, A WEIRD SCENE IS TAKING PLACE...
MEN OF THE KANDORIAN SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD! THANKS FOR PRETENDING TO BE "SCARFACE" MALONE AND HIS GANG!
OUR TINY SIZE MADE IT EASY FOR US TO DISGUISE OURSELVES AS PRISONERS IN THIS BOX! BUT WHY ARE YOU PLAYING THIS TRICK ON LOIS, SUPERMAN?

"IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN! WHILE PUTTING OUT A FIRE AT THE OPERA HOUSE, I OVERHEARD LOIS SAY SOMETHING FOOLISH..."
I'D SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL, LIKE FAUST, FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
WHAT A RASH THING TO SAY! LOIS NEEDS A LESSON TO TEACH HER NEVER TO MAKE RECKLESS STATEMENTS WHICH COULD GET HER INTO TROUBLE!

"DISGUISED AS A 'DEVIL', I USED MY SUPER-POWERS TO TRICK HER INTO SIGNING A FAKE CONTRACT WITH 'SATAN'..."
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL! I'LL USE MY BLACK MAGIC TO IGNITE THOSE LOGS!
ACTUALLY, IT'S MY HEAT VISION WHICH IS SETTING THOSE LOGS AFIRE!

"LATER, IN A HEAT-PROOF COSTUME, I CONVINCED LOIS THAT 'SATAN' WAS OUT TO ADD HER SOUL TO HIS COLLECTION."
MISS LANE! HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN OUR AGREEMENT! SUPERMAN WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT TO PROPOSE!
IN JUST A MINUTE I'LL MAKE A LIGHTNING-SWITCH TO MY SUPERMAN IDENTITY AND ASK HER TO MARRY ME!

AND NOW, FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF MY SCHEME, I'M GOING TO USE YOU MEN AS AN OBJECT LESSON TO FRIGHTEN LOIS INTO BACKING OUT OF THE WEDDING!
I HOPE YOUR PLAN WORKS, SUPERMAN!

LATER, A GRIM FIGURE APPEARS IN LOIS' DRESSING ROOM...
SATAN!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
JUST TAKING CARE OF A LITTLE DETAIL! YOU FORGOT TO GET A WEDDING LICENSE!
I ALREADY OBTAINED SUPERMAN'S SIGNATURE!
Bride
Groom Superman
ALL RIGHT, YOU CREEP! YOU CAN GO NOW! REMEMBER, I DIDN'T INVITE YOU TO MY WEDDING!
I'M SORRY, MY DEAR, BUT I CAN'T LEAVE! YOU SEE, I INTEND TO...ER... COLLECT YOUR SOUL FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE CEREMONY!
YOU FIEND! THAT'S NOT FAIR! THIS WILL BREAK SUPERMAN'S HEART! YOU PROMISED I'D BE HIS WIFE!
BUT I DIDN'T SAY FOR HOW LONG! HOWEVER, TO SPARE SUPERMAN THE PAIN OF PARTING, YOU COULD CALL OFF THE MARRIAGE... AND COME WITH ME NOW! CHUCKLE!
NO! I'M GOING THROUGH WITH THE MARRIAGE! EVEN IF I'M TO BE SUPERMAN'S WIFE FOR ONLY FIVE MINUTES, IT WILL BE WORTH THE COST!
SUIT YOURSELF, MY DEAR! I'LL CALL FOR YOU AFTER THE CEREMONY!
GREAT KRYPTON! I NEVER EXPECTED THIS! WHAT DO I DO NOW?
PUFF!
SECONDS LATER, IN A NEARBY ALLEY, "SATAN" ASSUMES HIS REAL IDENTITY...
FRANKLY, I NEVER THOUGHT LOIS WOULD GO THROUGH WITH IT! I CAN'T CALL OFF THE WEDDING! I'D BETTER GET READY FOR THE CEREMONY!
YOU PLANNED TO TRICK LOIS, BUT THE LAUGH IS ON YOU, SUPERMAN! GOOD-BYE! WE'LL WATCH THE WEDDING ON THE MONITOR SCREEN IN KANDOR!
PRESENTLY, AS THE BRIDEGROOM APPEARS AT THE SCENE OF THE WEDDING...
SUPERMAN! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! EVERYTHING'S READY! THE CEREMONY CAN BEGIN RIGHT NOW!
GULP! TALK ABOUT TIGHT SPOTS! I'LL HAVE TO MARRY LOIS, OR REVEAL I'VE BEEN PLAYING THE ROLE OF "SATAN" ALL ALONG!

BUT AS THE WEDDING SERVICES BEGIN...
IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO KNOWS WHY THIS COUPLE SHOULD NOT BE JOINED IN MATRIMONY, LET HIM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD HIS PEACE!
I'LL SPEAK UP NOW! AND I'LL SAY PLENTY! THIS MARRIAGE IS A HOAX!
I WAS TRICKED INTO THIS WEDDING! DISGUISED AS THE DEVIL, SUPERMAN FOOLED ME INTO SIGNING OVER MY SOUL FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY HIM! ADMIT IT'S THE TRUTH... MR. SATAN!
CHOKE! SHE'S RIGHT, FOLKS! I KNOW YOU ALL THINK I'M A HEEL, BUT LET ME EXPLAIN!
AFTER SUPERMAN TELLS HIS STORY...
SO YOU SEE, I WAS ONLY TRYING TO TEACH YOU A LESSON! BUT HOW DID YOU DISCOVER SUPERMAN AND SATAN WERE THE SAME PERSON?
HMPH! YOU'RE NOT AS CLEVER AS YOU THINK...
THERE WAS SOMETHING FAMILIAR WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE WEDDING LICENSE, AND WHEN I COMPARED IT MENTALLY TO SATAN'S NAME ON THE CONTRACT, I REALIZED THE WRITING WAS THE SAME!
Bride Lois Lane
Groom Superman
Witness: Satan, Prince of Darkness
LOIS, I'M THOROUGHLY ASHAMED OF THE WAY I DUPED YOU! I'M READY TO MARRY YOU!
MARRY A CAD WHO WOULD PLAY A SHABBY TRICK LIKE THAT? NOT ON YOUR LIFE...
LATER, IN LOIS' APARTMENT...
THE LOVABLE IDIOT MEANT IT FOR MY OWN GOOD! CHOKE! I COULD HAVE BEEN HIS WIFE NOW IF I'D KEPT MY SILENCE, BUT I DIDN'T WANT HIM THAT WAY! WHO KNOWS... SOME DAY I MAY REALLY EARN THE RIGHT TO BE CALLED MRS. SUPERMAN!
MARRIAGE LICENSE
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The End

WINNERS OF LOIS LANE HAIR-STYLE CONTEST

Approximately 20,000 entries were submitted in the LOIS LANE hair-style contest, as announced in LOIS LANE ANNUAL No. 1. The results of the contest were a complete surprise to the judges. The majority of our readers voted to keep Lois' hair-style **exactly** the way it is. However, because some of the other styles received thousands of votes, we will have Lois trying them out in future stories. Herewith a list of the winners. In our next issue we will publish the names of the 200 contestants who won honorable mention. We will also publish Jerry Smith's winning statement.—Editor.

FINAL TALLY

A—1,330 votes B—3,221 votes C—3,260 votes D—437 votes E—2,441 votes F—4,768 votes

Keep Lois' hair-style as is—6,551 votes

1st Prize (an original LOIS LANE cover by Artist Kurt Schaffenberger) was won by JERRY SMITH, 915 W. Pierson, Phoenix, Arizona.

ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LOIS LANE WERE WON BY THE FOLLOWING 25 CONTESTANTS:

Laura Zegarski, St. Louis, Mo.
Tommy Jones, Aberdeen, Md.
Shelley Karol, Bayside, N. Y.
Dianne Bradford, Grove Hill, Ala.
John Burnside, Carrolton, Mo.
Jon Gray, Baldwin Park, Calif.
Sara Connor, Carlstadt, N. J.
Marianne Waters, Florin, Pa.
Cindy Sellers, Jackson, Miss.
Fred Bronson, Culver City, Calif.
Nancy Schmidt, DeWitt, N. Y.
Deane Goldman, Rosedale, N. Y.
Mark Kaufman, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Priscilla Bohler, Atlanta, Ga.
John Kobus, Chicago, Ill.
Cheryl F. Tanner, Pascagoula, Miss.
Lee Brewer, Long Beach, Calif.
Elaine Maier, Falls Church, Va.
Steve Jacobson, Iselin, N. J.
Barry Spiller, Conroe, Tex.
Tim Walton, Colorado Springs, Col.
Maurice Johnson, New Orleans, La.
Wayne Pearsall, Lorain, Ohio
Alicia Balmores, Seattle, Wash.
Kathy Green, Bloomington, Wis.

Coming... Super-Attractions!
MAY Adventure COMICS NOW ON SALE
LANA LANG BECOMES ELASTIC! PETE ROSS ACQUIRES THE POWERS OF SUPER-BREATH! MA & PA KENT BECOME TINY— POLICE CHIEF PARKER TURNS INTO A GIANT!
IT ALL HAPPENS WHEN A RED KRYPTONITE PLAQUE STRIKES ORDINARY HUMAN BEINGS AND SUPERBOY BECOMES
"The SUPER-MENACE of SMALLVILLE!"
SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES WHEN THEY WITNESS
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Featuring a great 2-Part novel... "The DYNAMIC DUO of KANDOR!"
SEE JIMMY OLSEN AND SUPERMAN BECOME FLAME-BIRD AND NIGHT-WING WHEN THEY BATTLE A SUPER-MENACE IN THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR!
Also: "JIMMY OLSEN'S VIKING SWEETHEART!"
MAY ACTION COMICS NOW ON SALE
SUPERMAN BECOMES THE LAST MAN ON EARTH
THERE'S NOT ANOTHER HUMAN BEING LEFT ON EARTH! SUPERMAN TRAPPED THERE ONE MILLION YEARS IN THE FUTURE, AND SEEMS NEVER ESCAPE!
WHEN HE IS... "CAPTIVE OF THE RED SUN!"
A NEW STORY FEATURING SUPERGIRL and COMET, HER FANTASTIC SUPER-HORSE!
also:
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VARSITY VIC
OH, OH - A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS.
CAN I FIX YOUR FLAT TIRE?
OH, WILL YOU?
IT'S GOOD I CAME ALONG.
MAYBE SHE'LL GIVE ME HER PHONE NUMBER?
AND..
THERE - ALL SET!
SEE! I TOLD YOU SOME CHUMP WOULD COME ALONG AND FIX OUR FLAT TIRE. C'MON, LET'S GO!

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Tootsie Roll

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

LOIS LANE

ONE DAY, **LOIS LANE** IS TRANSPORTED TO THE FARAWAY WORLD OF **SOOMAR** WHERE SHE MEETS **CRYSTAL GANYROG**, A GIRL WHO RESEMBLES HER! BUT, BY AN AMAZING TWIST OF FATE, THAT GIRL IS ACTUALLY **ANNOYED** BY THE ROMANTIC ATTENTIONS OF A HANDSOME MALE WHO POSSESSES SUPER-POWERS LIKE **SUPERMAN'S**! HOWEVER, THE **REAL** FUN BEGINS WHEN LOIS EXCHANGES PLACES WITH **CRYSTAL** AND IS WOOED BY--

The SUPER-SUITOR of SOOMAR!

JUST IGNORE **SUPER-MALE**, LOIS! THE BIG, MUSCLE-BOUND OAF IS ALWAYS PULLING SOME STUNT TO TRY TO GET ME TO CHANGE MY MIND AND MARRY HIM!

THIS **SOOMARIAN** GIRL AND I MAY LOOK ALIKE, BUT OUR PROBLEMS ARE SURE DIFFERENT!

ONE DAY, AT THE **PLANET** OFFICE IN **METROPOLIS**...

LOOK, LOIS! A SPACE SHIP!

IT'S GOING TO LAND ON TOP OF THIS BUILDING! COME ON, JIMMY!

SHORTLY...

THE DOOR IS OPEN... BUT NO ONE'S INSIDE!

HMM! THIS MESSAGE IS FOR **SUPERMAN**! IT SAYS THIS SHIP HAS BEEN SENT HERE BY THE SCIENTISTS OF THE PLANET **SOOMAR**, WHO HAVE LONG ADMIRED HIM VIA THEIR MONITORS. THEY WANT HIM TO VISIT THEIR WORLD IN THIS SHIP BECAUSE THEY HAVE A **RED** SUN...

...AND SUPERMAN'S POWERS PREVAIL ONLY UNDER A YELLOW SUN! THE SHIP WILL RETURN TO THEIR WORLD AUTOMATICALLY WITHIN AN HOUR, IF NO ONE ENTERS IT!--HEY! WHERE...?!
I'M GOING IN HIS PLACE! HE'S AWAY ON A MISSION AND I'M SURE HE WON'T MIND MY SCORING A SCOOP ABOUT LIFE ON SOOMAR!

NO SOONER DOES LOIS ENTER, THAN THE DOOR SLAMS SHUT AND THE SPACE VESSEL HURTLES UPWARD...
YIPES! THERE SHE GOES... FAR OFF INTO THE UNIVERSE!

AS THE SHIP ALIGHTS, AND LOIS EMERGES...
WELCOME TO SOOMAR, MISS LANE! WE KNOW YOU'RE SUPERMAN'S FRIEND! ER...FRANKLY, WE'RE DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU CAME, INSTEAD OF HIM!
YOU SPEAK... ENGLISH!
WE HAVE STUDIED THE LANGUAGES OF MANY WORLDS AND HAVE ADOPTED ENGLISH!

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF! I AM CRYSTAL GANYROG, A DAILY GLOBE REPORTER! PERHAPS WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER WRITE STORIES ABOUT OUR DIFFERENT WORLDS!
AMAZING! THIS ALIEN NEWSGAL LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE ME, EXCEPT FOR HER BLONDE HAIR AND GLASSES!

SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT! SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG WITH THAT ROCKET SHIP! IT'S FALLING TOWARD THE TRANSPORTATION TUBE! PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED!
RELAX, LOIS! HERE COMES SUPER-MALE ON PATROL!

HE CAUGHT THE SHIP AND IS LOWERING IT TO SAFETY! GOODNESS, HE HAS SUPER-POWERS LIKE SUPERMAN'S...
...EXCEPT THAT HE HAS SUPER-POWERS ONLY NEAR A RED SUN, AND WOULD BE NON-SUPER UNDER THE SOLAR RAYS OF A YELLOW SUN...THE OPPOSITE OF SUPERMAN!

HE'S AN EVOLUTIONARY FREAK... A MUTANT!... WOULD YOU CARE TO FLY WITH ME TO THE DAILY GLOBE, TO SEE WHERE I WORK?--THIS BEAM WILL SUMMON MY SPACEMOBILE!
YES, CRYSTAL!
SO SOOMAR HAS SUPER-MALE TO PROTECT IT THE WAY SUPERMAN AIDS EARTH!

SHORTLY, IN SOOMAR'S UPPER ATMOSPHERE...
AN ORBITTING SPACE-STATION! IS THAT THE DAILY GLOBE?
CORRECT, LOIS! NOTE THE HIGH-POWERED TELESCOPES! NOW TO FLY IN THROUGH AN ENTRANCE PORT!

PRESENTLY, WITHIN THE SPACE STATION...
AS YOU'LL SOON SEE, NEWS-GATHERING HERE IS QUITE DIFFERENT THAN ON EARTH!
GREAT! THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF COLORFUL INFORMATION THAT WILL MAKE MY STORY A SENSATION!

MINUTES LATER..
YOU'RE NOW IN THE MONITOR ROOM! WHEN OUR STRATO-VIEWER TELESCOPES PICK UP SCOOPS, WE TRANSMIT THE PICTURES ONTO THE SCREENS OF TV SETS ALL OVER SOOMAR!
FASCINATING! ER...WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? HE LOOKS... NERVOUS!

MEET IRN BRIMBA, LOIS! THOUGH A BRILLIANT REPORTER, HE'S MEEK AND TIMID! THAT SCENE ON THE MONITOR SCREEN OF TWO BATTLING JUNGLE CREATURES PROBABLY SCARED HIM!--RIGHT, IRN?
RIGHT! I'VE... ER...GOT TO GO NOW AND GET MY DAILY COURAGE-RAY TREATMENT!
HE REMINDS ME OF--CLARK KENT!

BUT SOON, AFTER IRN BRIMBA LEAVES IN HIS SPACEMOBILE...
I'VE SET THE INSTRUMENTS ON AUTOMATIC CONTROL! NOW TO REMOVE MY RED WIG AND SWITCH QUICKLY TO MY SECRET IDENTITY AS DYNAMIC SUPER-MALE!
YES...JUST AS CLARK KENT IS SECRETLY SUPERMAN, REPORTER IRN BRIMBA IS SECRETLY SUPER-MALE!

THESE CLOUDS SCREEN ME FROM VIEW!-HA! WOULD CRYSTAL BE AMAZED IF SHE KNEW THAT TIMID IRN BRIMBA IS REALLY SUPER-MALE! WHAT I LIKE MOST ABOUT CRYSTAL IS THAT SHE ISN'T ALWAYS SCHEMING TO MARRY ME, LIKE OTHER GIRLS I KNOW!

HE'S PUTTING THE HAT OVER HER HEAD ANYWAY...AND SHE'S FURIOUS!
THERE! NOW YOU LOOK LIKE WHAT YOU ARE--AN ANGEL!
CAN'T YOU GET IT THROUGH YOUR SUPER-THICK HEAD THAT YOU ANNOY ME?!!

AFTER SUPER-MALE FLIES AWAY...
I'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D GRAB HIM!
I DON'T CARE IF HE IS HANDSOME AND SUPER-POWERFUL! HIS SLAVISH LOVE BORES ME!
HOW IRONIC! THIS SOOMARIAN GIRL ISN'T INTERESTED IN SUPER-MALE... BUT ON EARTH, IT'S THE REVERSE--SUPERMAN DOESN'T WANT ME!

A LITTLE LATER, WITHIN THE SPACE-STATION...
I'VE BROUGHT A GIFT FOR YOU I HOPE YOU'LL LIKE, CRYSTAL! THIS HALO HAT IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND ON OUR WORLD!
KEEP IT! I DON'T WANT IT!

GET OUT! I DON'T WANT YOU OR ANYTHING FROM YOU! WHY DO YOU KEEP PESTERING ME?
BECAUSE YOU APPEAL TO ME! I'LL NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL YOU'RE MINE!

SUDDENLY...
THESE ARE THE SYMPTONS OF... COSMIC FEVER, CAUSED BY SPACE DUST! IT ISN'T FATAL, BUT I'LL HAVE TO STAY HOME UNTIL I RECUPERATE...AND THAT MAY TAKE WEEKS! AND IF I STAY OUT THAT LONG, SOMEONE MAY TAKE MY JOB!
YULP!...YOUR BODY'S GLOWING, AND...YOU LOOK WEAK!

LOOK, CRYSTAL! I'VE ... GOT AN IDEA! WE LOOK ALIKE, YES? WELL, IF I DISGUISED MYSELF AS YOU AND TOOK YOUR PLACE, IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE STORY I'M GOING TO WRITE, AND NO ONE COULD STEAL YOUR JOB!
IT MIGHT WORK!.

WHILE YOU SUBSTITUTE FOR ME, I COULD VISIT DR. ZONG! THEY SAY HE HAS DEVELOPED A NEW FAST CURE FOR COSMIC FEVER! BUT I'LL AGREE TO THE MASQUERADE ONLY IF YOU'LL PROMISE NOT TO GIVE SUPER-MALE THE SLIGHTEST ROMANTIC ENCOURAGEMENT!
I PROMISE! NOW GET ME SOME GLASSES AND SOME BLONDE HAIR DYE!

AFTER LOIS DYES HER HAIR, DONS GLASSES, AND EXCHANGES CLOTHING WITH HER FRIEND...
WE LOOK IDENTICAL NOW, CRYSTAL!
THIS MANUAL WILL TELL YOU HOW TO RUN THE SIMPLE MONITOR! YOU CAN STAY AT MY HOUSE, LOIS! TO GET THERE, JUST PRESS THE BUTTON MARKED "HOME", ON MY SPACEMOBILE CONTROL PANEL, AND YOU'LL BE FLOWN THERE!

I'LL GO TO THE DOCTOR IN ONE OF THE COMPANY SPACE-MOBILES, LOIS! OH, BY THE WAY, YOU'LL FIND A ROBOT SERVANT IN MY HOUSE WHO LOOKS LIKE A CARICATURE OF SUPER-MALE! A FRIEND MADE HIM FOR ME. I CALL THE ROBOT... SUPER-CLOWN!
SUPER-CLOWN!-HA, HA! I WON'T FORGET, CRYSTAL! ...GET WELL SOON!

AFTER THE REAL CRYSTAL LEAVES...
WHEN I THINK OF ALL THE YEARS I'VE WASTED WAITING VAINLY FOR SUPERMAN TO PROPOSE, IT BURNS ME UP!... I'LL ENJOY THIS SITUATION IN WHICH THE USUAL POSITIONS ARE REVERSED! NOW I'LL BE THE UNINTERESTED ONE!!

UNEXPECTEDLY, SUPER-MALE RETURNS...
IT'S ME AGAIN! THIS TIME I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING YOU'RE SURE TO LIKE... SOME RARE ISIPS FROM THE "FORBIDDEN JUNGLE"!
THOSE EGGS MUST HAVE AN ESPECIALLY DELICIOUS TASTE! I'LL PRETEND TO BE ANGRY WITH HIM, AND SMASH THEM!
FISTAL CANYROG

BUT THEN... WHY... THERE ARE LOVELY PEARLS INSIDE THE SHELLS!
HA! I KNEW YOU WEREN'T MAD AT ME THIS TIME...OR YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BROKEN THE HARD SHELLS THOSE PEARLS GROW IN TO SEE MY GIFT!
RYSTAL GANYROG

OH, NO! HE'S FLYING AWAY GRINNING LIKE A HAPPY KID! I...I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ON THIS WORLD SHELLS CONTAIN PEARLS...AND THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CRACK THE SHELLS OPEN TO GET AT THE PEARLS INSIDE!... I GOOFED!

PRESENTLY, AS THE SPACEMOBILE TRANSPORTS THE DISGUISED LOIS TO CRYSTAL'S HOME...
CRYSTAL'S HOME IS LOVELY! I'M GOING TO ENJOY STAYING THERE! THAT FIGURE ON THE LANDING PLATFORM MUST BE HER ROBOT SERVANT, SUPER-CLOWN!

SOON, AS THE AUTOMATON WAITS ON HER...
THESE EXOTIC FOODS YOU'VE PREPARED ARE DELICIOUS, SUPER-CLOWN!
I AM GLAD YOU ARE PLEASED, MADAM! REMEMBER, YOUR EVERY WISH IS MY COMMAND!

AN HOUR LATER...
I THINK I'LL TAKE A SWIM NOW!
ONE OF CRYSTAL'S BATHING SUITS FITS ME PERFECTLY! IMAGINE, A POOL...WHICH CONSISTS OF WATER SUSPENDED BY AN ANTI-GRAVITY RAY!

BUT AS LOIS DIVES INTO THE UNIQUE POOL...
BR-R'RR! THE WATER'S C-C-COLD!

AT THAT MOMENT, SUPER-MALE FLASHES ALONG ON PATROL...
SHE'S SHIVERING! SINCE SHE ENJOYED MY LAST GIFT, I'M ENCOURAGED TO TRY TO PLEASE HER AGAIN... I'LL USE MY HEAT-VISION!
THE WATER'S WARM NOW! THANK YOU...
YOU'RE WELCOME, CRYSTAL!
;ULP!!...I ASSUMED INCORRECTLY THAT SUPER-CLOWN HAD HEATED THE WATER FOR ME! BUT IT WAS SUPER-MALE WHO DID IT...AND HE THINKS I WAS THANKING HIM! DRAT! AGAIN I'VE ENCOURAGED, INSTEAD OF DISCOURAGED HIM!
LATER THAT NIGHT...
I'LL WRITE SOME MATERIAL FOR MY DIARY, USING CRYSTAL'S MIND-WRITING MACHINE!...WHAT A DEVICE! WHATEVER I DICTATE MENTALLY WHILE WEARING THIS HELMET, WILL BE TYPED BY THE MENTO-TRANSCRIBER!
DEAR DIARY! I LOVE SUPERMAN SO! IT'S JUST AWFUL WHEN THE ONE YOU LOVE DOESN'T LOVE YOU IN RETURN! BUT BECAUSE SUPERMAN KEEPS TURNING ME DOWN, I'LL ENJOY TAKING MY HURT FEELINGS OUT ON SUPER-MALE WHO REMINDS ME OF HIM...!
REMINDS ME O
OH, HOW I'D LIKE TO HAVE SUPER-MALE PROPOSE TO ME! YES, I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR HIM TO SAY "PLEASE MARRY ME, CRYSTAL"! THEN I'LL HAVE THE EXQUISITE PLEASURE OF TURNING HIM DOWN!
SUDDENLY, "CRYSTAL" STOPS DICTATING MENTALLY, AND...
WHAT A SPITEFUL THING TO WRITE! HOPING SUPER-MALE WILL PROPOSE SO I CAN HAVE THE PLEASURE OF TURNING HIM DOWN IS...MEAN! I'LL RIP THIS UP AND TOSS IT INTO THE DISINTEGRATION-UNIT...
DISINTEGRATION DISPOSAL UNIT
NEXT MOMENT...
CRYSTAL, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST ASK YOU! PLEASE MAR--!
AWP! THAT TORN PIECE OF PAPER THAT'S FALLEN ON THE FLOOR! MY TELESCOPIC VISION CAN READ EVERY WORD CLEARLY!
HE'S ABOUT TO PROPOSE! I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE AND TURN HIM DOWN!
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ON SECOND THOUGHT, I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! GOODBYE!
?! -- WHAT MADE HIM CHANGE HIS MIND? WAIT! HE WAS LOOKING TOWARD THIS SCRAP OF TORN PAPER...!

OH, NO! HE READ THE BOTTOM PART OF THE TORN SHEET, AND FOR SOME REASON IT MADE HIM CHANGE HIS MIND!
OH, HOW I'D LIKE TO HAVE SUPER-MALE PROPOSE TO ME! YES, I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR HIM TO SAY "PLEASE MARRY ME, CRYSTAL"! THEN I'LL HAVE

MEANWHILE...
SO SHE WAS REALLY IN LOVE WITH ME ALL ALONG! CRYSTAL ONLY PRE-TENDED SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE MY BRIDE IN ORDER TO TRICK ME INTO PROPOSING TO HER! BUT NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED SHE'S AS MARRIAGE-CRAZY AS ALL THE OTHERS... I DON'T WANT HER!

NEXT DAY...
I'M SO GLAD DR. ZONG CURED YOU SO QUICKLY! THANKS AGAIN, CRYSTAL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO MASQUERADE AS YOU FOR A WHILE!
IT WAS A PLEASURE, LOIS! AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME! HAVE A PLEASANT JOURNEY BACK TO EARTH!

AS THE SPACE CRAFT STREAKS AWAY FROM SOOMAR...
OH, NO! HERE'S THAT PEST, SUPER-MALE, ON PATROL!-?- THAT'S STRANGE! HE'S...SNUBBING ME! HMM! I LIKE THAT! NOW THAT HE ISN'T FAWNING OVER ME, I'M... ATTRACTED... TO HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME! MAYBE...!
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AFTER THE SHIP ALIGHTS ON EARTH, LOIS EMERGES, AND THE CRAFT RETURNS TOWARD SOOMAR...
I CAME BACK FROM ATLANTIS IN TIME TO SEE YOU GET OUT OF THAT SPACE VEHICLE, LOIS! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
READ ALL ABOUT IT IN MY NEXT FEATURE, SUPERMAN!
BUT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW THE MOST DRAMATIC PART OF THE STORY! I WON'T REVEAL HOW A SUPER-MAN ON SOOMAR WAS CRAZY ABOUT ME...BUT I WOULDN'T GIVE HIM A TUMBLE!
THE END

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Letters to Lois

Dear Editor: I think I've solved your problem! You've had numerous readers asking, begging and pleading to give Lana Lang her own magazine. I know this isn't possible, because of the scarcity of excellent artists and writers who are qualified enough to turn out such a feature. As a compromise, however, why don't you give us a page in this magazine devoted to "Letters to Lana"?

Bobby Pelzel, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Great idea! Readers are invited to send us postal card comments for a new "Letters to Lana" department which we will publish whenever we have room for it.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In the recent story, "The Girl Who Refused To Marry Superman", I'm certain it was Lois who turned down SUPERMAN because he had lost his super-powers. To prove my point, here is a list of super-heroes Lois considered marrying in previous stories: "Astounding Man", "Futuro", "Achilles", "Hercules" and "Futureman". In other words, she only considers men with super-powers as eligible husbands. Therefore, if Superman had become ordinary, she'd quickly give him the heave-ho. What do you think of my theory?

Herman Cummings, Cleveland, Ohio

(While your evidence sounds convincing, you do Lois an injustice. In the story, "The Perfect Husband", (LOIS LANE No. 24) she considered marrying Roger Warner, a millionaire sportsman. And in "The Man Who Was Clark Kent's Double" (LOIS LANE ANNUAL No. 1) she fell in love with Mark Benton, a man who looked exactly like Clark. And there have been numerous other cases to shatter your theory.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think it was Lana Lang who refused to marry SUPERMAN. My reason is that we have often seen Lois fall in love with ordinary human beings. But, we have never seen Lana fall in love with anyone but muscle-bound Superman. It proves that Lois doesn't need a he-man to fall in love with, but an ordinary man will do? How about it?

Janice Leeland, Flandreau, S. D.

(Sorry, but this is another wrong hunch. Lana has often been smitten by ordinary men, even when she was a teen-ager in Smallville. And as an adult, she fell very hard for Captain Doug Tanner, an Air Force astronaut, in the story, "The Unforgettable Superman", in LOIS LANE No. 31.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: When a child's toy is broken, the child throws it away, because the child has no need for it anymore. Lois Lane is like a spoiled child and has always enjoyed making Superman rescue her. Now that he has lost his powers, she has no need for Superman, whom she had regarded as her "toy." So I say it was Lois who spurned Superman!

Fred Hunter, N.Y.C., N.Y.

(That's an interesting premise, but the same criticism can apply to Lana. We've received hundreds of postcards on this story and will continue to print the best solutions. In the meanwhile, we invite readers to see if they can guess which girl Superman decided to save in "Superman's Romance With Lana Lane", in this issue.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "The Immortal Lois Lane", in which Lois visited Leonardo da Vinci in the past and ran into the notorious poisoner, Lucretia Borgia. However, in this story you have Lucretia telling Lois that the year is 1530. But according to my encyclopaedia, Lucretia Borgia died in 1519. Goof?

Cathy Willard, Bluefield, W. Va

(This was an error in research, for which we apologize. But we hope you enjoyed the story anyway —Ed.)

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND

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POOR LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG! AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY'VE TRIED TO WIN MIGHTY **SUPERMAN** FOR A HUSBAND, BUT NEVER WITH ANY LUCK. THEN ONE DAY, THE TWO BEAUTIFUL RIVALS GET THE SHOCK OF THEIR LIVES, AS THEY DISCOVER THAT A GIRL WHO RESEMBLES THE **BOTH** OF THEM WAS **SUPERMAN**'S LAST SWEETHEART! READ ON, FOR THE UNFORGETTABLE TALE OF...

SUPERMAN'S Romance WITH LANA LANE!

WONDERFUL!... MY SUPER-VISION REVEALED WHILE I WAS AWAY FROM THIS **HONEYMOON PALACE,** THAT LANA LANE DIDN'T OPEN THIS UNSEALED ENVELOPE WHICH HAS A SHEET INSIDE WITH MY SECRET IDENTITY WRITTEN ON IT! THOUGH THIS GIRL I ADORE LOOKS LIKE LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG COMBINED, SHE HASN'T THEIR OVERWHELMING CURIOSITY!

SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY

ONE DAY, IN **SUPERMAN**'S FORTRESS, AS LOIS LANE AND LANA LANG BROWSE THROUGH HIS ARCTIC SANCTUM...

HOW SWELL OF **SUPERMAN** TO BRING US HERE SO WE COULD SEE THESE SLIDES OF "HISTORIC MOMENTS" IN HIS CAREER, WHILE HE'S BUSY ELSEWHERE! HE HAD A SPECIAL CAMERA PHOTOGRAPH THESE SCENES OFF HIS MONITOR SCREEN!

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UNEXPECTEDLY...
Lana Lang my best sweetheart, may 15, 1959
GASP!! LOOK, LANA! THAT GIRL SUPERMAN IS PROPOSING TO LOOKS LIKE YOU AND ME ROLLED INTO ONE!
NO WONDER HE LIKES BOTH OF US THE SAME! WE REMIND HIM OF HER!

SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERMAN REJOINS LOIS AND LANA...
I KNOW WE'VE NO RIGHT TO PRY, BUT WE'RE CURIOUS... WHO IS THE GIRL YOU ONCE LOVED-- WHOSE NAME IS A COMBINATION OF OURS?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER? STRANGE, YOU SHOULD! THESE MENTO-HELMETS WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORIES, AS SOON AS I FEED THEM THE PROPER MIND TAPES!

PRESENTLY...
THAT'S RIGHT! CLOSE YOUR EYES AND... RELAX! THE TAPES I FED INTO THE HELMETS WILL ENABLE YOU TO SEE, HEAR AND FEEL AN ADVENTURE YOU BOTH SHARED WHICH BEGAN IN MAY OF 1959!

THANKS TO THE HELMETS, LOIS AND LANA RE-LIVE MENTALLY THE AMAZING STORY WHICH NOW UNFOLDS...

'GIRLS, THIS VALLEY IS INHABITED BY COLONISTS FROM THE PLANET ZERMB WHO SETTLED ON EARTH WHEN THEIR WORLD WAS MENACED BY AN ICE AGE! NOW THAT THEY'RE ABOUT TO RETURN TO ZERMB, IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO WRITE ABOUT THEM... SEE YOU LATER!
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PRESENTLY...
HELLO! I AM ZELDA, HISTORIAN FOR THIS EXPEDITION! ANY FRIEND OF SUPERMAN IS A FRIEND OF OURS! PUT ON THESE COSTUMES SO YOU WON'T FEEL OUT OF PLACE! GO ANYWHERE YOU LIKE!
THANKS LOADS!

SOON...
THIS EXHIBIT NEXT TO THE ZOO IS FULL OF WONDERS FROM THE PLANET ZERMB!
MALIGNIA
I'M HAJAL, THE CURATOR! TAKE CARE NOT TO TOUCH THESE CHARMS WHICH ONCE BELONGED TO AN EVIL SORCERESS, MALIGNIA, WHO WAS BANISHED FROM OUR WORLD!
BUT WHEN THE GIRLS ARE ALONE...
WHAT SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE! TAKE A PICTURE OF ME HOLDING THIS NECKLACE, LOIS! I'LL RETURN THE FAVOR!
OKAY, SMILE PRETTY!
CLICK!
GASP!... LOOK! TH-THAT LAMB AND EAGLE JUST MERGED TOGETHER INTO A FLYING LAMB!!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! THEY MUST BE STRANGE CREATURES FROM ZERMB!
THEN, AS LANA BORROWS THE CAMERA...
GOT IT?
CAW...CAW! HELLO!... HOW ARE YOU?... HELLO! CAW!
GOT IT!
CLICK!
THE NEXT MOMENT...
CAW...HELLO! HELLO!...CAW!
GOODNESS! WHAT A STRANGE PLACE THIS IS! A DOG AND PARROT JUST... BLENDED! WHAT CAUSED IT, I WONDER?
DON THE NECKLACE, LOIS! I'D LIKE ANOTHER SHOT!
BUT AS LOIS OBEYS LANA'S INSTRUCTIONS...
GULP!... WH-WHAT'S H-HAPPENING...??
...T-TO US??
YOU FOOLS! I WARNED YOU NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING! BEAMS OF LIGHT, SHINING THROUGH A PRISM OF THE MAGICAL NECKLACE'S BIS GEM, FOCUSED ON THOSE TWO SETS OF ANIMALS! IT CAUSED THEM TO MERGE! AND NOW THE SAME PHENOMENON IS MERGING BOTH OF YOU INTO ONE GIRL!
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AN INSTANT LATER...
AWP! IT'S TRUE! W-WE'VE BECOME ONE PERSON! I HAVE LANA'S RED HAIR... LOIS' EYES AND NOSE... AND... AND LANA'S LIPS! -MOAN!- --WHAT IDIOTS WE WERE TO DISREGARD YOUR WARNING!
AS SUPERMAN ARRIVES SECONDS LATER...
GOOD GRIEF! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU'RE...?
YES! I'M LOIS AND LANA MERGED TOGETHER INTO A LANA LANE! THIS MAGICAL NECKLACE DID IT!
STOP STARING! I KNOW YOU THINK I'M RASH AND FOOLISH! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAID WHENEVER I'D TAKE WILD CHANCES TO BEAT OUT CLARK AND SCORE SENSATIONAL SCOOPS FOR THE DAILY PLANET...
I...
AND I REMEMBER... WHEN I WAS A TEEN-AGER IN SMALLVILLE, AND YOU WERE SUPERBOY, YOU USED TO SAY "SOME DAY, LANA, YOUR CURIOSITY IS GOING TO GET YOU INTO SUCH TROUBLE, EVEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!"
WELL, YOUR PROPHECY CAME TRUE! SO GO AHEAD, GLOAT! GLOAT!
AMAZING! TWO PERSONALITIES... IN A SINGLE BODY! ONE INSTANT, THE PART OF HER MIND THAT IS LANA SPEAKS, THE NEXT INSTANT THE LOIS CHARACTER IN HER DOES THE TALKING!
I WON'T GLOAT, LANA LANE!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT LOIS AND LANA WERE WONDERFUL GIRLS! BUT NOW I FIND THE COMBINATION OF THE TWO OF YOU IN ONE GIRL IS... IRRESISTIBLE! THIS ENGAGEMENT RING I'VE BEEN CARRYING IN MY POUCH... PLEASE TAKE IT!! MARRY ME!!

MY FOSTER MOTHER GAVE THIS RING TO ME YEARS AGO BEFORE SHE DIED... FOR A MOMENT LIKE THIS! FOR YEARS I'VE BELIEVED I'D NEVER MARRY, FEARING CRIMINALS WOULD HARM MY BRIDE TO GET REVENGE ON ME, BUT I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...
...I-I'LL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO PROTECT YOU FROM MY ENEMIES! SAY "YES"!
SPEAKING FOR THE LANA IN ME... YES! - AND FOR THE LOIS IN ME... YES, YES, YES!!
WAIT HERE WHILE I PREPARE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
I'M SO HAPPY, DARLING! IT'S IRONIC NEITHER LOIS NOR LANA COULD WIN YOU... YET YOU LOVE ME, A COMBINATION OF BOTH OF THEM!
[CHOKE] -- SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT HER LOVE IS... DOOMED!
AS SUPERMAN RETURNS, MINUTES LATER...
THE SPECIAL SURPRISE IS READY, DARLING!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE IT!
SHORTLY...
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS HONEYMOON PALACE I BUILT FOR US IN THIS JUNGLE CLEARING, AT SUPER-SPEED? WE CAN LIVE HERE AFTER WE'RE MARRIED!
IT'S GORGEOUS! I USED TO DREAM THIS MIGHT HAPPEN EVER SINCE YOU KISSED ME WHEN I WAS SWEET SIXTEEN, IN SMALLVILLE!

SOON, INSIDE...
I JUST LOVE IT!... BUT WHY DID YOU MAKE THOSE TWO PAINTINGS OF LOIS AND LANA IF YOU ADORE ME?
THEY'RE PAINTED ON A TRANSPARENT MATERIAL, DEAR! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS AS I PRESS THIS BUTTON!
GASP!--ONE PICTURE SWUNG BEFORE THE OTHER ONE... A GLOBE LIT UP BEHIND THE TWO PICTURES, ILLUMINATING DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TWO PAINTINGS SO THAT THE TWO PAINTINGS BLEND TOGETHER AND LOOK LIKE ME...
...YOU! THE WOMAN I WANT TO MARRY!
LATER, AT THE COLONY...
SUPERMAN! THERE'S SOMETHING I DREADED TO TELL YOU, BUT NOW I MUST!
DARLING! SOMETHING TELLS ME HE'S GOT BAD NEWS...
DON'T GET UPSET, SWEETHEART. UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG!
CHOKE! THE EFFECT OF THE MAGIC NECKLACE LASTS ONLY BRIEFLY! THEN THE MERGED BEINGS SPLIT APART INTO THEIR ORIGINAL, INDIVIDUAL FORMS ONCE AGAIN. TEN MINUTES LATER, THEY BOTH DIE! SEE?
THE FLYING LAMB SEPARATED INTO ITS ORIGINAL FORMS OF A LAMB AND AN EAGLE! THE POOR CREATURES... TH-THEY'RE DEAD!
GREAT SCOTT! LOOK AT THAT!
THE PARROT-DOG JUST SEPARATED INTO ITS TWO ORIGINAL BODIES, TOO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THIS MAGIC DRAGONETTE CAN SAVE ONLY ONE OF THE TWO ORIGINAL FORMS! WHOEVER HOLDS THE DRAGONETTE, CAN WILL ONE BODY TO LIVE.. BUT THE OTHER FORM MUST DIE! WATCH! I AM WILLING THE DOG TO LIVE!
NEXT MOMENT...
SEE? IT'S JUST AS I WILLED IT! THE DOG LIVES, BUT THE PARROT PERISHED!
GASP!--LOOK! LANA LANE NO LONGER EXISTS! SHE'S SPLITTING APART INTO THE SEPARATE BODIES OF... LOIS AND LANA!
IF WHAT THE CURATOR SAYS IS TRUE...
...THEN ONE OF US GIRLS WILL... DIE!

QUICK! TAKE THE DRAGONETTE AND THINK OF THE ONE GIRL YOU WISH TO LIVE! IF YOU DON'T, BOTH WILL DIE IN TEN MINUTES!
HOW CAN I DO IT? IF I THINK OF ONE OF THE GIRLS, IT'LL BE DOOMING THE OTHER!
REMEMBER OUR CHILDHOOD FRIENDSHIP IN SMALLVILLE, SUPERMAN? I KNEW YOU LONG BEFORE LOIS EVER MET YOU! BE FAIR! SAVE ME!
NO!... I'VE RESCUED YOU FROM A PAINFUL DEATH BY KRYPTONITE MANY TIMES! YOU OWE IT TO ME TO SAVE MY LIFE NOW!
TORN BY HIS DILEMMA, SUPERMAN SEEKS TO ESCAPE MAKING THE CHOICE...
BY SQUEEZING THIS ROCK FROM ZERMB WITH SUPER-PRESSURE AND MELTING IT WITH HEAT VISION, I'M REARRANGING ITS ATOMIC STRUCTURE! IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT, IT SHOULD THEN EMIT RAYS WHICH MAY BE ABLE TO NEUTRALIZE THE SPELL AND SAVE BOTH OF YOU!
BUT...
CHOKE!--IT DIDN'T WORK! NO RAYS ARE COMING FROM THE ROCK! WELL, I'LL FLIP THIS PLAQUE OF MALIGNIA! IF IT LANDS ON ITS HEAD SIDE, I'LL SAVE LOIS! TAILS... AND I'LL RESCUE LANA!
MALIGNIA
ULP!--I SPUN IT SO SWIFTLY, FRICTION WITH THE AIR IS MELTING IT! THE TEN MINUTES ARE ALMOST OVER! I GUESS... IT'S FATED... FOR ME TO CHOOSE WHICH ONE YOU WILL LIVE!
WAIT, SUPERMAN! SAVE LANA! I'VE... BEEN THINKING IT OVER...!
THOUGH LANA AND I HAVE BEEN RIVALS FOR YOUR LOVE, WE ARE FRIENDS! I CHEERFULLY SACRIFICE MYSELF! CHOOSE HER! ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU LET ME KISS YOU FAREWELL!
GASP! THE LITTLE MINX! BY PRETENDING TO BE NOBLE AND BRAVE, SHE'S HOPING YOU FAVOR HER INSTEAD OF ME! DON'T BE TRICKED!!

SOB!
AND NOW SHE'S KISSING YOU GOODBYE! SHE'S DOING THIS PURPOSELY, TO CREATE SYMPATHY FOR HERSELF! HER TEARS ARE PHONEY! DON'T LET HER FOOL YOU WITH HER GRANDSTAND PLAY!
SECONDS LATER...
;CHOKE; I'VE DECIDED WHICH ONE OF YOU TO CHOOSE! I'M GOING TO SAVE L...
WAIT! THE TEN MINUTES JUST PASSED.. AND BOTH LANA AND I ARE STILL ALIVE!-??- HOW CAN THAT BE?!
I GET IT! THIS ROCK WHOSE ATOMIC STRUCTURE I RE-ARRANGED SAVED BOTH OF YOU, AFTER ALL! BECAUSE ZERMB'S ATMOSPHERE DIFFERS FROM OUR EARTH'S, IT MUST HAVE EMITTED INVISIBLE RAYS WE COULDN'T SEE--LIKE INFRA-RED RAYS OR COSMIC RAYS!
IN THE FORTRESS, AS THE GIRLS REMOVE THE MENTO-HELMETS WHICH HAD HELPED THEM RECALL THE ENTIRE EXPERIENCE...
THE ROCK FROM ZERMB MUST'VE HAD ANOTHER DELAYED EFFECT ON LOIS AND ME! AMNESIA! BECAUSE AFTER THE ALIENS LEFT EARTH, SHE AND I FORGOT THE WHOLE THING!
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